

June 6, 2000

IN HONOR OF REVEREND JOHN P.
SCHLEGEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend John P. Schlegel, S.J., for his 9 remarkable years as President of the University of San Francisco. Father Schlegel has been honored with the position of President of Creighton University. His many friends in the San Francisco Bay Area bid him farewell with mixed emotions—happy for his personal success, sad that he is leaving, and forever grateful for his many accomplishments as President of the University of San Francisco.

Father Schlegel brought with him to San Francisco strong academic credentials. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Saint Louis University, a B.D. degree in Theology from the University of London, and a Doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University. He entered the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus in 1963 and was ordained in 1973.

He also brought a record of strong leadership. John began his academic career as a lecturer at Creighton University in 1969. He joined Creighton's faculty in the Political Science department in 1976 and also served as Assistant Academic Vice President from 1978–1982. John went on to serve as Academic Dean and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Rockhurst College, as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Marquette University, and as the Executive and Academic Vice-President at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Father Schlegel continued that record of service and leadership while in San Francisco.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

John serves on the Boards of Trustees of Loyola University in Chicago and of Xavier University in Cincinnati. He is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Club of California, a director of the American International School of Hong Kong, and a member of the Advisory Council at the California Academy of Sciences. John also serves on the Board of Directors of the Coro Foundation and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and on the Executive Committees of the Western College Association and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

At the University of San Francisco, John has had remarkable success. Thanks to his leadership, the caliber of the faculty and students has risen, the facilities have been upgraded, and the endowment has grown enormously. At the same time, the Jesuit mission of the University has been advanced.

We are grateful to Father John Schlegel for all that he has done for the University of San Francisco and for the entire Bay Area. We will miss him greatly but know that it is Creighton University's turn to benefit from his wisdom and vision. As we glory in his triumphant return home, we hope that he will visit San Francisco often. I join my constituents in wishing him the very best.

RECOGNIZING CHUCK BLASKO OF THE VOGUES

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a musical legend, Chuck Blasko of The

Vogues. A native of Turtle Creek, PA, and a resident of my congressional district, Mr. Blasko celebrates the 35th year of the music group this year. In 1965 he created the vocal group, and is the only original member still touring and performing.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Vogues recorded 16 hits on the top 40 charts, including 9 in the top 20. Some of their best-known hits include "Turn Around, Look At Me" and "Five O'Clock World." Few groups have rivaled the success of the Vogues in placing so many songs on the top 40 charts.

Led by Mr. Blasko, their harmonic vocals continue to attract fans to sellout concerts and club appearances. With his outstanding talent and love of performing, the Vogues is an enduring fixture on the music scene and one of the world's top concert acts. Mr. Blasko has been immortalized by the Vocal Music Hall of Fame where fans can see photos of the group and a set of his stage clothes.

Despite his tremendous success, Mr. Blasko and his family continue to make western Pennsylvania their home. As an avid fan of The Vogues, I am truly honored to have this opportunity to acknowledge not only a fine musician but a man who cares about his community.

Once again, I urge my colleagues to rise and recognize Mr. Blasko on his 35th anniversary in the music industry. His commitment to his family and to his music represent the finest qualities of the people of the Fourth Congressional District.

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